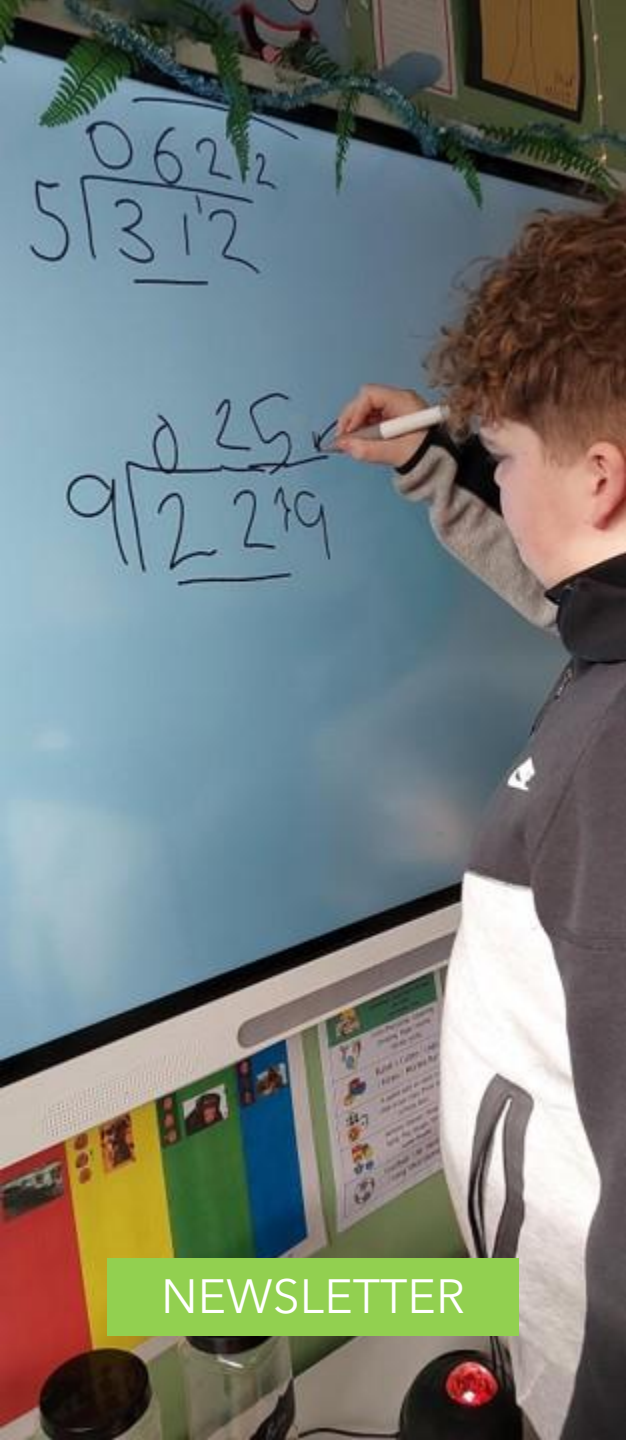

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NEWSLETTER

26th January 2024

LIFE AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

Monday

Farming

We have a new farm for our ASDAN animal focussed pupils. The provision teaches them how to drive miniature tractors and take care of a small holding.

Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday

The letter Red class wrote last week was answered by Incredible Foods, with everyone getting in on the taste testing action!

Wednesday

PE sessions

Our PE sessions are focussed on the basis of skills, physical competence and a healthy activity lifestyle. Here are our pupils learning how to play hand ball!

Thursday

Hidden English!

Sometimes our pupils aren't ready for their main English lesson. Here is a great example of how we cunningly hide spellings!

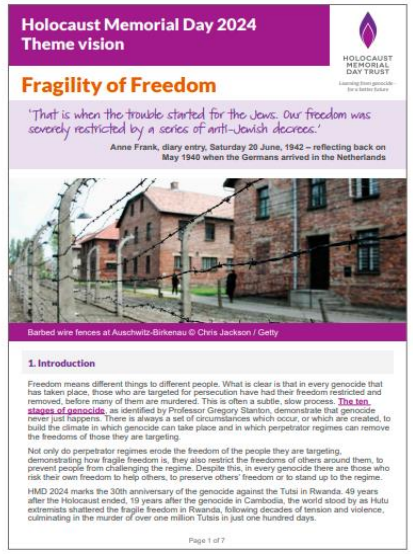
Friday

Forest School Fridays

Oakley's' table is really beginning to take shape at Forest School – we cannot wait to see the finished version.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Themed Discussions Explained


Holocaust Memorial Day 2024
Theme vision

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TRUST

Fragility of Freedom

'That is when the trouble started for the Jews. Our freedom was severely restricted by a series of anti-Jewish decrees.'

Anne Frank, diary entry, Saturday 20 June, 1942 – reflecting back on May 1940 when the Germans arrived in the Netherlands

Barbed wire fences at Auschwitz-Birkenau © Chris Jackson / Getty

1. Introduction

Freedom means different things to different people. What is clear is that in every genocide that has taken place, those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered. This is often a subtle, slow process. The ten stages of genocide, as identified by Professor Gregory Stanton, demonstrate that genocide never just happens. There is always a set of circumstances which occur, or which are created, to build the climate in which genocide can take place and in which perpetrator regimes can remove the freedoms of those they are targeting.

Not only do perpetrator regimes erode the freedom of the people they are targeting, demonstrating how fragile freedom is, they also restrict the freedoms of others around them, to prevent people from challenging the regime. Despite this, in every genocide there are those who risk their own freedom to help others, to preserve others' freedom or to stand up to the regime.

HMD 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. 49 years after the Holocaust ended, 19 years after the genocide in Cambodia, the world stood by as Hutu extremists shattered the fragile freedom in Rwanda, following decades of tension and violence, culminating in the murder of over one million Tutsis in just one hundred days.

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Each month our pupils are exposed to topical discussions and relevant historical and world events. This week the pupils reviewed an example of a chronological report as part of their ongoing English work on Holocaust Memorial Day..

Corneil enjoyed some sensory time, building his own mansion in his classroom!

Bailey is excelling at mechanics as part of his career pathway plan., Bailey attends Trax one day a week to learn valuable skills in preparation for college.

Isn't this stunning, Blue class have been designing their own illuminated letters as part of their topic work this week.

Pink class enjoyed their timed reading session this morning.

Yellow class have been working incredibly hard with their new class teacher Rhys! Keep up the great work!

Mason enjoyed sensory play today using bubbles and a straw to make calming patterns..

Red class are really enjoying reading – they are even choosing to read over their break time. WOW!

Charlie continues to enjoy his Tineke bakery sessions each week and has applied for his college course this week.

This week our pupils have been learning about Hajj as part of his Religious Education curriculum.

Jayden has continued to show exemplary manners and language all week and has recognised that he is in control of his own future!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Emergency contact: Zoey Shelley (Head Teacher & Safeguarding Lead) 0330 135 8213 out of hours 07725406993

We welcomed Torridge and District Council to see us this week!

We invited Councillor Simon Newton to the school to meet our wonderful pupils this week, the pupils all welcomed Simon into their spaces and were exemplary pupils – well done Team Acorn!

You are what you eat!

The pupils have been exploring how food affects their bodies. Sebastian has written to 'Impossible Foods' who are going to be providing tasty samples of vegan food for our pupils. If you don't want your child/ward to be involved in the taste test, please let us know!

Emergency Closure!

You should have all received an email…but just to remind you we have had to take the difficult decision to close on the 6th February 2024 due to the National Grid changing a major powerline nearby. The school will therefore have no power between 09:30 – 16:30.

Reading Challenge!

EXTRA Acorn points will be awarded to children who are caught reading in the most obscure places!

Can they read in their garden, upside down or standing on one leg?

We'd love to see your pictures!